

**September 8, 2011
Town Council Meeting**

The September 8, 2011, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Gordon E. Rogers, President, of the Foster Town Council at the Town House 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Gordon E. Rogers, President
Michael E. Dillon, Vice President
Neal C. Whitelaw
Marianne Knight
Lynne A. DeStefano, excused

Also present were:

David V. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor
Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Robert Clarkin, DPW Director
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Patricia Moreau, Tax Assessor
Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS Michael Dillon moved, Neal Whitelaw seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly report from the Treasurer's Department as submitted.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye. The motion passed 4-0.

WARRANTS **General Warrant #32**, zero dollar amount. No action taken.

Michael Dillon moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve **General Warrant #5** in the amount of \$45,623.60. Neal Whitelaw asked if the DPW amount was a cumulative total. Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer, answered in the affirmative. Gordon Rogers asked what the Scituate Surveyors fee was for. Kelli Russ answered that it was Land Trust work and that it was there for information.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye. The motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Neal Whitelaw seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve **General Warrant #8** in the amount of \$29,374.09.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #8** in the amount of \$29,374.09.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #9** in the amount of \$29,656.72. Gordon Rogers discussed the Personnel Policy regarding payment procedures during emergency closings.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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- TAX PAYMENT PLANS** Gordon Rogers stated there was no need for a motion and the plan could be implemented according to State Law. No action taken.
- WELLONE REQUEST** Michael Dillon moved, Neal Whitelaw seconded, to accept the request from WellOne to have their tangible taxes waived. Gordon Rogers stated that he was okay with them receiving an exemption. Patricia Moreau, Tax Assessor, noted that the bill was paid and that they already have an exemption on the property. Mrs. Moreau did not recommend that the exemption on tangibles be given because it is not done for other hospitals and clinics in other towns and cities.
- Gordon Rogers, no; Michael Dillon, no; Neal Whitelaw, no; Marianne Knight, no. Motion failed 4-0.
- PERSONNEL POLICY WORKSHOP SCHEDULING** Gordon Rogers requested that another Personnel Policy Workshop be scheduled and asked the council members when it was convenient. A date of September 15, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Town House was agreed upon. No vote was taken.
- DEM TO DPW COMPLIANCE LETTER** The Dept. of Public Works presented a letter of compliance from the Dept. of Environmental Management resolving the previous violation regarding hazardous waste concerns. No action was taken.
- CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION** Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to advertise for 5 members to form a Charter Commission to be appointed by December 15, 2011.
- Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 4-0.
- MILEAGE & TRAVEL** A mileage request was submitted by Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Director. Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer, explained past practices regarding mileage. Gordon Rogers moved, Marianne Knight seconded, to pay the Building Inspector at a rate of 55.5 per mile. Neal Whitelaw asked if there is a form that is filled out for mileage claims. Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer, affirmed that there was.
- Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- ABATEMENTS** Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded to approve the abatements as presented by the Tax Assessor in the amount of \$1,025.63.
- Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- EMERGENCY PROCEDURES** Gordon Rogers discussed Emergency Procedures regarding Hurricane Irene and moved to add a contact name for National Grid and /or the State of RI. Michael Dillon seconded.
- Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- TOWN HALL EMERGENCY CLOSING** This was already addressed during approval of Payroll Warrant #9.
- PUBLIC HEARING** A Public Hearing for a Secondhand License to be approved for Abby Gosselin for "A Bee's Buzz" was opened by Town Council President Gordon Rogers. Rules of the Hearing procedure were explained.

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**SECONDHAND
LICENSE**

Applicant Abby Gosselin explained her vision of the business which will be housed in the former “Things Made Wonderful” building. Hours 10-6 daily, 10-5 weekends, selling antiques and fine art.

Those who spoke in favor included Rose Salvadore and Michael Markrush.

Those who spoke against: None.

Gordon Rogers closed the public hearing. Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve the Secondhand License for “A Bee’s Buzz” for Abby Gosselin.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**NUISANCE /
NOISE
ORDINANCE**

Neal Whitelaw was not able to discuss such ordinances with other towns and officials due to Hurricane Irene. No action taken.

**“NO BIN / NO
BARREL”**

Atty. David Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, read changes to language in ordinance. Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept revisions.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, no; Marianne Knight, no. Motion failed 2-2.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Adam Dacko thanked the emergency crews in town for help during Hurricane Irene. He donated to the Foster Center Fire Department and the South Foster Fire Department.

Ron Cervasio, “No Bin, No Barrel” policy in Narragansett, RI. Michael Dillon stated that the failure of the motion put them back to square one and no ordinance for that is now in place.

Ruth Spencer regarding Recycling Schedule.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Winter Snow & Ice Policy

Gordon Rogers moved to go into Executive Session 42-46-5a(2) Collective Bargaining / Litigation / Contract Negotiations.

A roll call vote was taken: Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye.

Gordon Rogers moved to come out of Executive Session and keep the minutes of said meeting closed and that all the minutes of all Executive Sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain closed pursuant to provisions of General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

A roll call vote was taken: Marianne Knight, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye.

No votes were taken. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a **complete** account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Carol Lyons Sholly, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk